

Chief, Services Branch

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Acting Chief, FBIB

Procurement of Uniforms for Employees in FBIB, Cairo

1. In compliance with memorandum of 22 December 1947 regarding procurement of uniforms for local employees of the Mediterranean Bureau, FBIB, submitted herewith is information in satisfaction of requirements listed under paragraphs 3 (a), (b), (c), and (d) of memorandum dated 9 December 1947 from General Counsel to Chief, Services Branch, A & M.

a. The extremely low wage scale of locally hired guards, custodians and chauffeurs does not make possible a requirement that such employees furnish their own uniforms.

b. The uniforms will remain the property of the U.S. Government and care will be exercised in the issuance of such uniforms and the recovery thereof in the event of separation of such employees.

c. It is common practice in other government offices in this area to furnish uniforms under similar circumstances.

d. Uniforms are required in the performance of assigned duties (1) for employees on street duty as adequate identification for the purpose of maintaining control over their movements, and (2) for employees on shop and office duty because native dress is a serious hazard to safety and efficiency. In a recent instance a native employee was hospitalized with severe burns as a result of the ignition of his galabea.

e. The advantage to recruitment afforded by the practice of furnishing uniforms is expected to make possible a further material increase in the efficiency of the Bureau's operations.

2. In view of unavailability through Army channels, it is requested that local purchases of uniforms be authorized at a cost not to exceed two hundred dollars (\$200.00). This document is part of classified integrated file.

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